

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Youhei TOYOSHIMA
Title: ACOUSTIC DUMPER FOR EXHAUST SYSTEM
Appl. No.: 10/700,558
Appl. Filing Date: 11/5/2003
Examiner: Luks, Jeremy Austin
Art Unit: 2837
Confirmation No.: 1042

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)
- a. Previously submitted:
 - ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on October 12, 2006.
 - ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ___ but not considered.
 - ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ___.
 - b. Enclosed are:
 - ☐ Amendment/Reply.
 - ☒ Credit Card Payment Form.
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate | Fee Totals |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|------|------------------------------|
| Total Claims: | 12 | - 20 | = 0 | x | \$790.00 = \$790.00 |
| Independents | 1 | - 3 | = 0 | x | \$50.00 = \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$200.00 = \$0.00 |
| | | | First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: | + | \$360.00 = \$0.00 |
| | | | | | CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: = \$790.00 |

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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|-------|---|------------|---|-----------|
| [] | Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$120.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| [X] | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00 | | \$450.00 |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,020.00 | | \$0.00 |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 | | \$0.00 |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,160.00 | | \$0.00 |
| | EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL: | | | \$450.00 |
| | EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: | - | | \$0.00 |
| | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL | | | \$450.00 |
| | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: | | | \$1240.00 |
| [] | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | | \$0.00 |
| [] | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) | | | \$0.00 |
| | TOTAL FEE: | | | \$1240.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1240.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 11/22/2006

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